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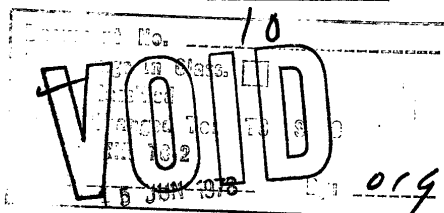
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Yugoslav authorities are currently obtaining, under duress, signatures from prisoners serving long-term imprisonments, granting power-of-attorney to Yugoslav banks to cash on their (the prisoners') behalf sterling deposits which they possess in the United Kingdom. The Yugoslav action violates the law that a signatory of a power-of-attorney must be a free agent when the power-of-attorney is signed. Moreover, since some of the sterling deposits were earmarked for business transactions, their payment to a third party (i.e. Yugoslav banks) will lead to claims of compensation by injured parties. One known case, involving nearly 25,000 pounds sterling, is that of Slavko Teckarevic, former buyer of cotton and cotton goods in England.

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